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For : PLAYBACK METHOD, PLAYBACK CONTROL CIRCUIT AND  
PLAYBACK APPARATUS FOR A RECORDING MEDIUM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2006, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to January 5, 2007, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begin at page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 14 of this paper.